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BRICK PRODUCTION INCREASES

TADZHIK BRICK PLANT FULFILLS FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 154, 7 Aug 49

The Stalinabad Brick Plant is the leading enterprise under the Main Administration of Construction Materials Industry, Council of Ministers Tadzhik SSR, both in regard to production volume and degree of mechanization. The greatest changes were made at the plant during the first 3½ years of the postwar Five-Year Plan. Without increasing the number of workers, the plant produced seven times more bricks in the first 6 months of 1949 than during all 1945.

Brick molding by hand was replaced by machine molding. Open-cut mining and transportation of loess to the presses was mechanized by installing scraper winches. The construction of tunnel driers for artificial drying of clay brick enabled the plant to switch from seasonal work to year-round operation.

The introduction of advanced labor methods considerably increased the plant's productive capacity. Productivity of presses increased 40 percent; the amount of bricks removed from one cubic meter of Hoffmann kiln was doubled, the turnover of driers increased 33 percent, and the industrial waste of raw material was reduced 75 percent as compared with 1946.

During 1949, production of top-grade brick amounted to 87 percent. The brick plant reached the 1950 production level in 1948; the Five-Year Plan was fulfilled on 1 July 1949. -- I. Kozlov, director, Stalinabad Brick Plant

FAR EASTERN BRICK PLANTS IMPROVE OPERATIONS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 171, 22 Jul 49

The brick plant in Tsentral'nyy Rayon of Komsomol'sk is one of the largest in the city and supplies brick to a majority of the construction projects. The plant exceeded the 6-month plan for production output by 15 percent, realized 50,000 rubles in above-plan profits, and released more than 200,000 rubles of working capital. Production costs decreased 6 percent. By the end of the year, the plant expects to produce more than 3 million bricks above plan.

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Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 183, 5 Aug 49

Much time was lost at the Magadan Brick Plant in removing stones from clay by hand, and the end product was not completely free of impurities. Engineer Kashkayev has designed a vibrating screen which speeds the process and frees the clay completely from impurities. The screen has been installed in one of the plant's quarries, and tests indicate that processing one cubic meter of clay requires one third less time than formerly.

NEW PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Izvestiya, No 187, 10 Aug 49

Construction of a large plant for bitumin-asbestos slabs has begun in Kiev. The slabs, having great toughness and durability, will be used for flooring, as roofing material, and for lining walls. The plant will produce an estimated 1.8 million square meters of slabs per year. The first unit of the plant will go into operation at the end of 1949.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 169, 20 Jul 49

A new Ruberoid plant in Khabarovsk will be put into operation in 1951. The main building, auxiliary shops, and workers' housing are now under construction.

LATVIAN BRICK AND LIME PLANTS EXPAND -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 182, 4 Aug 49

The Bauska Uyezd Industrial Combine has started expanding the brick and lime plants. Capital investments for expansion of the brick plant this year amount to about 400,000 rubles. The plant will have a yearly output of 2½ million bricks and will also produce a large quantity of sewer pipes. Both of the plants are being mechanized.

INSTITUTE ACCEPTING GRADUATE STUDENTS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 187, 8 Aug 49

The All-Union Correspondence Institute of the Construction Materials Industry is admitting correspondence graduate students in the following specialties: technology of silicates, construction production, general chemical technology, and economics of the chemistry industry.

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